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In re Patent Application of:  
Frank Dietsche et al.

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For: ESSENTIALLY CHROMIUM-FREE METHOD  
FOR PASSIVATING METALLIC SURFACES  
CONSISTING OF ZN, ZN ALLOYS, AL OR  
AL ALLOYS

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Examiner: Monique R. Jackson

**RESPONSE WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2011, finally rejecting claims 1-7, 10-17, and 25-27, and in consideration of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination and Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the application and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the new arguments provided herein.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.